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FOR AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI FROM SECRETARY

1. YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING:

A. WE OF COURSE ARE PLEASED WITH THE PORTUGUESE INITIATIVE
IN BEGINNING A DIALOGUE WITH THE FRELIMO. WE SHOULD NOT
BECOME INVOLVED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN ANY WAY NOR GIVE
THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE. I WILL BE SEEING FOREIGN
MINISTER SOARES AT THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING IN OTTAWA AND
WILL GET A BETTER APPRECIATION OF JUST WHAT THE PORTUGUESE
HAVE IN MIND.

B. YOU SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN MAKING CONTACTS WITH
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LIBERATION GROUPS. IF, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE FRELIMO LEADERS

REQUESTS A MEETING, YOU SHOULD REPORT IT AND SEEK INSTRUCTIONS

. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN FROM TIME TO TIME VERY LIMITED CONTACT CONSISTENT WITH PADM 52, BETWEEN LOWER LEVEL EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND COUNTERPARTS AMONG LIBERATION ROUPS. THESE ARE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST, MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS NO STEP-UP IN INITIATIVE ON OUR PART.

D. I APPRECIATE THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OUR LONG-RANGE INTERESTS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT ADOPT A POSTURE WHICH APPEARS TO BE LESS WILLING THAN THE PORTUGUESE THEMSELVES TO SEE AND TALK WITH RESPONSIBLE FRELIMO LEADERS. HOWEVER, AT THIS STAGE OF THE DIALOGUE WE SHOULD MAINTAIN THE LOW POSTURE THAT WE HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING LEAVING THE INITIATIVE TO THE FRELIMO LEADERS THEMSELVES. I DO NOT PRECLUDE A BROADENING OF THESE CONTACTS AT A LATER STAGE WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO ASSESS MORE CAREFULLY THE EVOLUTION OF THE AFRICAN-PORTUGUESE DIALOGUE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE SISCO UNQUOTE BROWN

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